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Venereal Disease,

With the True way
Of Curing the Same.

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THere will be some Readers that are Strangers to me, and it may be not amiss to inform them, that in my juvenile years ; my inclinations led me to Chirurgery, in which I took so great delight, that I never thought my self so happy, as when I was a Spectator of some or other Chyrurgical Operation, in pursuance of what I so much delighted in ; I was put Apprentice to a Master of Anatomy, by reason of which, I was always present at Dissections, both publick and private, at which tis hard for me to say, whether I took more Pains or Pleasure. Having thus laid a Foundation in order

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to attaining to the Art of Chirurgery, and having several years seen many very good manuell Operations, performed in and about the City of London and elsewhere, I was sent in Company of several Eminent Chyrurgeons, to Dress the wounded Men in the Hospitals of Harwich and Ipswich, where much pains I took during the time of the War, between us and the Dutch, Anno. 1665. Returning to London, the Plague soon grew to a great height; I stayed in Town and had much business, and great success in Curing of it. The great Fire of London hapned soon after, and my Apprenticeship being expired, I applied my self to my Study, reading the best of Authors I could meet with; I likewise indeavoured to read Men as well as Books, and therefore sought out the most ingenious practicers of Physick and Chyrurgery, with whome I daily conversed, making daily Observations of my own and other Mens Practices; I ever had (since I first
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fancied the medicinal way,) an earnest desire to the true knowledge of the Venereal Disease; I have by the Dissecting of many Bodies, observed the nature and variety of the Distemper, and have been most curious in observing the accidents that many times attend the Disease, the different operations that I have observed in Medicines, made me first take the trouble, and be at the charge of preparing several, and the profit, besides my own satisfaction, hath made me continue my Labours, and tis well known, with how great pains and care I have attained to the knowledge, of preparing such excellent Medicines as my Antivenereal Pill, &c. Besides no small charge in my ordering those various ways of Sweating and Bathing, with which, persons are accommodated at my House; I am the first English Chyrurgeon, that ever prepared Baths of all sorts, and I thank God, I have as convenient Bathing Rooms in my House, as any in England,

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and I think no Man in his way, has been more laborious than my self; the following Treatise, I am sure contains most certain Truths, if thou dost question any thing therein, I shall be willing to satisfie thee.

**From my House in St. Martins-Lane
near Long-Acre.**

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CHAP. I.

*Of the Original of the Lues Venerea,
and several Names of it.*

Concerning the beginning of this Disease, Authors are various, and I find that it hath had variety of names, in several times and places, but my opinion is, that the Disease is very ancient, and may challenge almost as much Antiquity, as the Sin of Uncleanness, for the names of it, I will set down but these few; the *Italians* call it *Morbus Gallicus*, the *French* call it *Scabies Hispanica*, and *Morbus Italicus*, in *Spain* they call it *Morbus Neapolitanus*, in *England* we call it *Morbus Gallicus*, and *Lues Venerea*, by the last name I intend to treat of it.

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CHAP. II.

*The Causes of the Lues Venerea, and
several ways of Infecting.*

THe causes of this Distemper are twofold, the first of an occult quality, being as a scourge laid on Mankind (by the Almighty,) to restrain our too wanton Lusts, the other is by an impure touch or contagion, especially in Copulation; a Man receiving of an infected Vapour, or filthy Sanies, into the Pores of the Skin, or into the Vrethra, as well before the ejecting of the Seed, as after, the Woman having either a *Gonorrhæa*, or else an Ulcer, or perhaps only the foul Seed of some infected Person left in her, some small time before, which being lodged in the wrinckles of the Womb, may be drawn in by the pores of the extended Penis, so that tis pos-

sible for a Man to get this Disease, by a Woman that was never infected her self, for the oleaginous moysture that is ever in the neck of the Womb, doth many times defend it from being infected, besides, in Women the parts being not so strait, nor yet so hot, the infection is not so nourished and fomented, as tis in men, besides the admirable cunning that Women of the Town use, is not a little to be observed.

There be many persons that will not believe any hurt can be gotten, any other way than by Copulation with an infected person, but I will prove the contrary by common experience, as for example.

A Gentleman about 25 years of age, having lain with a young Lass about 19 or 20 years old, was so excessive in the use of Venery with her, that having kept her company three days, a violent Fever seized them both, with
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great pains in the Back and Head, I was sent for to let them Blood, but when I came and had inquired into the causes of their Distemperature, I would by no means take any Blood away, for the Fever being caused by the diminution of the Spirits, bleeding must have increased the Fever, rather than abated it, I therefore ordered each a Glyster of the *Decoct. Com. cum Sy Violar.* and two hours after the Glyster; an Emulsion of the cool Seeds, dulcified with *Syr. Citrini*, and a little Diacodion to refrigerate the parts and cause sleep, in two or three days the Fever left them, the Woman was very well, but a *Gonorrhœa* attended the man, without its usual symptoms, and it was carried off with much ease, for I verily believe. it was caused only by too much forcing of the spermatick Vessels, and heating of the parts, especially the Prostate Glandules; tis not impossible

fible for this Disease to be gotten by Kissing, especially if either party have an Ulcer in the Throat, or Ulceration in the Mouth, from which a slimy juice proceeding, and the Lips being moistened thereby, may very easily infect the other; the common Lacivious way of Kissing doth much adjuvate this way of infecting:

Children are very subject to be infected this way, for by reason the Pores of their Skin being open, and apt to attract, they are injur'd by an unwholesome Kiss, and they being once infected are hard to cure.

A man who had a large Ulcer in his Throat, came to me for help, (by Gods blessing I cured him,) his Wife lying in Childbed at the same time, and her Breasts being sore, I was call'd to give my advice, I found her in a Fever, and her Nipples Ulcerated; I call'd for her Child, whom I found infected with an Ulcer in the Mouth,

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presently *I* declar'd them both to be infected with the Pox; *I* will not stand to determine, whether the Woman was infected before her delivery, and so the Child brought into the World with the Distemper; or whether the Father did by kissing infect the Child, and so the malignity conveyed to the Mother through the porous body of the Nipples, but to make good my assertion, pray observe the event.

A Neighbour who was a Nurse coming to visit the Woman, whose Breasts was sore, and hearing her complain of the tenderness of her Nipples, she taking up the infected Child kissed it, and gave it her Breast, (she being ignorant of the Distemper,) the Child sucked her and infected her, insomuch that her Lips and Breasts broke out with ulcerous Sores; moreouer a little Girl about Eight years old, that used to play to the infected Child, and

and often to kiss it, was by it infected.

The Disease is very often got by lactation, therefore I do advise those that put their young Children to Nurse, to be wary in chusing of Nurses, and in like manner, Nurses ought to be carefull what and whose Children they take, for the Venome is very often communicated from Nurses to Children, and as often received by Nurses from them, for a very small matter is able to infect either, and many Families have been undone by receiving the Venome this way.

Tis not to be imagined how many Children in a year are destroyed in this City by this Distemper, though in the Weekly Bills they pass for griping of the Guts, or Worms, Rickets, &c.

Tis dangerous to Sweat in a Bed with one that hath the Pox, and young people are often infected this way,

way, but pray mistake me not, for many will say they have lain with those that have had it, and yet never got any hurt, which may be, for some Constitutions are so hardy, that they will not be easily infected, but any man of sense must believe, that not only the sweat of Pockey persons, but the vapor which may come from them in a Bed, must needs be injurious, especially having the advantage of heat to open the pores of the Body.

There be some Writers that do affirm, that the breath of a Pockey person is infectious, but I think that assertion very ridiculous, for experience doth every day confirm the contrary.

There is a great deal of variety in Bodies, some being far more easily infected than other, as sanguine and flegmatick persons, (but are more easily cured than Cholerick or Melancholly persons are,) and many have
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known several men to be concerned with one Woman, one soon after the other, and some to come of without being hurt, and the other to be dangerously Peppered:

CHAP. III.

The signs of the Lues Venerea.

THe signs of this Distemper are various, according to the strength and constitution of the Patient, the general signs are these, *viz.* A debility of the whole body, as if wearied by much labour, (which is caused by the infection of the Spirits,) a stiffness of the Joynts, but more especially of the Hips and Thighs, great pulsation of the Arteries, a shooting pain in the Groins, pain in the Cod, itching about the root of the Yard, sharp-

sharpness of Urine, and a pricking pain in erection, and flowing of yellow sanies from the Yard oftentimes, pain in the Back and in the Head; these are the infallible signs of a *Gonorrhœa*, some of them hapning to one, and some to another, and yet I have known all of them to happen to one person, and at one time, some have other symptoms, as the *Prepuce* and *Glans*, swelling immoderately with great pain, or perhaps the *Vrethra* stopped up with Caruncles, the *Glans* almost covered with Warts, sometimes excoriations of the *Glans*, or ulcers on the *Glans*, or *Prepuce* or both, sometimes *Buboes* do arise in the Groins, which if once suppurate and open'd handsomely, the Cure is performed with much ease, but if they are drove back into the Body, they make the Distemper more inveterate, seize the Liver and confirm a *Pox*;

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Some persons immediately after the receiving of the infection, are taken with a giddiness of the Head, and most terrible pains in the Eyes and Ears, and in most parts of the Body, breaking out with small red Pimples, which presently return into the Body, and a while after break out with foul Scabs, some moist and spreading, though more generally they are dry and hard, and very nearly represent the cup of an Acorn both in shape and colour.

Some have Ulcers on the body of the Yard, some in the Fundament, others have large nodes upon the Bones in several parts, these are most certain symptomes of the *Pox*.

Note, that this Distemper doth vary much in its times, many times shewing it self in 1, 2, or 3 days, sometimes lying hid a Month, two or three, and sometimes a year or more, but it lyeth not idle, for the longer it lies hid

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the more inveterate it proves, when
 once it appears, and oftentimes disguised
 under another name; it tyrannizeth in
 the body to the destruction of the Pa-
 tient; I therefore advise all persons
 that so soon as ever they find them-
 selves touched with this venomous
 Dart, that they straightways repair
 to such Persons as are able to help
 them.

CHAP. IV

The dangerous effects of the Lucs Venerea.

TO demonstrate all the effects of
 this raging Distemper, would
 take up much time, therefore as breif-
 ly as possible, I will acquaint thee
 how great a Tyrant this Disease is to
 those People, who either scorn to own
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they have it, or those who being ashamed to confess their Condition rather venture to undergoe it, than wisely to seek for help; I have known some so sordidly foolish, that having had Ulcers on the *Penis*, have so long slighted the Disease, untill the *Penis* hath been mortified even unto the Belly, upon which insued immediate Death, and some escaping with their Lives, have lost most part, if not all of the Members; I have known others to have been almost eaten up by this Disease, before they have known so much as the name of their Malady. I have seen many Women with large Ulcers in the neck of the Womb, which have caused continual pains, by corroding of the parts, others that have been Ulcerated from the *Pubes*, even to the *Anus*, insomuch that the *Labia* have been eaten away in some and in many mortified; many have spongy excreffencies on the *Labia* with

with multitudes of warts round the *Labia* and *Anus*, and many have the *venereal Fistula* in *Ano*, which will admit of no Cure, without the use of *Antivenereal Medicines*. I have known some who having been seized with a violent pain in the Head, and in all the Limbs, have fallen into a *Fever* and Died Mad. Some have sharp and continual pains in all the Joynts, especially in the Shoulders: And *Nodes* affixed to the Bones in many parts of the Body, insomuch that the very Bones become Rotten, for the Disease is so Maligne, that it will creep between the Bone and the Flesh, and consume both.

These *Nodes*, are by some called *Gummata*, they are painful Swellings, and are caused by the *Flegmatick* part of the Disease, left behind in ill managed Courses of Physick, but in some they are absolute Elevations of the Bone, the Venome having penetrated the *Periostrum*. Some

Some have the Penis so stopped with
 caruncles, that they cannot make Wa-
 ter, some have the uvula and the Pa-
 lat of the Mouth eaten away by *Ulcers*,
 and many you see who loose their
 Noses by this violent Disease, some
 have the tip of the Nose and Nostril
 eaten away, some loose their Eyes, and
 many their hearing, and some their
 Mouths drawn away, and indeed
 could quote multitudes of Examples
 of the fury of it. Oh! how intoller-
 able are the Pains that many poor
 Wretches endure by this Distemper
 especially in the Night, at which time
 it most boldly walks its rounds to af-
 flict poor Mortals, for indeed all Pains
 are worse in the Night, than the Day,
 by reason that the exercising of the Bo-
 dy in the Day doth divert the Pain, but
 the Warmness of the Bed at Night doth
 stir up the Malignity, and the very
 thoughts of the Patient in the Night
 being

being fixed on the object of Pain, doth
 make the Misery more intollerable.

Many Years have some undergone
 the Tyranny of this Distemper, till at
 last it having enervated all the parts
 of the Body, and consumed the Flesh to
 the Bones, it surrenders them to the
 Grave, whom perhaps, had they but
 used such Medicines, as had been pro-
 per in such Cases, they might soon
 have eradicated the Disease from their
 Bodys. 'Tis not a small Number, but
 many Thousands, that have perished
 for want of such Noble Medicines as
 have force to overcome the Maligni-
 ty of this Disease.

How many *Consumptions*, *Catharrs*,
Astmaes, and innumerable more Dis-
 eases proceed from nothing else but
 this Fountain, 'tis this is the domine-
 ring Distemper of our Age; though
 too often it goes under the notion of
 some other Disease, though many do
 believe the *Scurvey* is far more pre-
 vailing

vailing, which indeed is a very destructive Malady, and incident to most Men, for the Reliques of the *Lues Venerea*, doth many times convert into the *Scurvey* and sometimes the *Dropfie*, and not seldome into the *Gout* ; and I pray observe this, that where ever any Distemper is complicated, with any Relique of the Venereal Disease, it ever proves very stubborn, and will not yield to ordinary means, and indeed cannot be perfectly Cured, without the use of good Antivenereal Medicines.

CHAP. V.

Of the Mischiefs caused by ignorant Pretenders.

THe diversity of my Practice in this City for several years hath given me occasion to observe, that many mischiefs are daily occasioned by impudent and ignorant Pretenders. I mean not only those (*Vagrants*) who pretend to have brought such strange and wonderful Medicines from Foreign Parts: But many of our own Country men, who too boldly venture on the Curing of Diseases without ever knowing the Nature or Causes of them; nay, many times not so much as the Name of the Distemper: Who although illiterate persons, and never bred to the Knowledge of the Practice of Physick and Chyrurgery, yet boldly fly at all, valuing a

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Patients Life, no more than their own little or no Credits, most of them pretending to the Cure of this Disease, and making the most small appearance, seem to be the highest degree of the *Pox*, especially when the Patient confesses a guilt, they speedily pronounce an infection, making most of those People that go to them for advice, to believe they have the *Pox*, although they are never so free from it, for if the Patient but propose this unhappy question. Sir, do you not think I have the foul Disease? They then as suddenly reply yes, yes: Thus many a harmless person is insnared, and by their own credulity, are caused to undergo such strange courses of Physick, as perhaps may (and doth too often) ruin both Body and Purse. nay the misery of their rashness ends not here, for oftentimes such differences between Man and Wife, are occasioned by these Proceedings, as causes a disorder

disorder their whole life time, as for Example.

A Woman (whom I believe to be a civil person) going lately to one who pretended to great Judgment in Urines (and carrying her Urine to have his advice) he plainly told her she had the *Pox*, he looked in her Throat, and told her she had an *Ulcer* there, and that in a short time she would loose her Nose; this much startled the Woman, whereupon she told him she was troubled with a pain in her Head (which was all she ailed, and was occasioned only by obstructions) he forth with pronounces the pain of her Head to be Venereal, telling her the *Pox* was in her Brain; upon this home she goes, rails at her Husband, & resolves to be Cured whatever it cost, her Husband advised her to come to me, which she did, and desired me to tell her what I would have to Cure her of this her (immaginary) Disease. I making strict

quiry concerning the State of her Body ; all I could observe was, that she had pain in her head, which I supposed was occasioned by the foulness of her Stomach and Obstructions : I enquired of her whether her pain was nocturnal or no ? whether she had any pains in her Shoulders, Back, Arms, Thighs, Shins, or any of her Joynts, any Breaking-out, any Nodes, &c. in a word, I could no way find she was infected ; whereupon I declared she was free from the *Pox*, she was very angry, and told me she had an *Ulcer* in her Throat ; I then looked in her Throat and found all well, which I affirmed to her ; she went home much dissatisfied, and fell into a great Melancholy, because her Husband would not suffer her any more to go to the person who told her she had the *Pox*. She being in this condition, her Husband came to me and consulted me, upon which, I agreed to humour her

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Fancy: So *I* went to visit her, she complained much of her woful condition; *I* told her *I* had considered her Case, and that *I* would take care to Cure her, upon which she was' very chearful (for she knew several that *I* had Cured of the *Pox*.) *I* Purged her five or six times with my head Pill, and gave her some Medicines that cleansed her Stomack and opened her obstructions, by which means her pain in the head left her, and she remains very well ; being thus Cured of her imaginary *Pox*, but *I* fear a reconciliation between her and her Husband will take up a longer time; *I* could instance many more such like Examples, but must not be too voluminous.

But to pass by many such sort of abuses, let us suppose the unhappy Patients to be really infected with the *Pox*, and see then what these *Imposters* do to them, and how strangely they handle them.

Here indeed the Patients condition is most deplorable, for as the Whore gives the *Clap*, here the Quack gives them the *Pox*, for not one *Gonorrhoea* in a hundred that these Fellows carry off as they ought: For their common custom is, after they have administred five or six Purges, or perhaps not so many, then they use restringtons, which stops the humour until it fouls the Blood and confirms a *Pox*. Others of them who fancy not restringtons, Purge the Patient continually with one or other violent Medicine which debilitates the Body, but perhaps never corrects the Malignity of the Disease, thus these sort of persons many times bring their Patients into incurable *Consumptions*, and some they so strangely inflame by their exceeding hot and sharp Purges, that the Blood and humours being made thin, and the parts so weak, that great inflammations often happen, and many times the ill treating

ing of *Gonorrhæa's*, at the beginning makes them very difficult to be carryed off (although the Patient at last happens into the hands of an experienced Artift) great swelling of the Testicles are often occasioned by the barbarous usuage of these unexperienced persons, and their ill prepared Medicines, and many Examples I could quote, -but time will not allow, however this one I cannot but insert. A Young Gentleman having a *Gonorrhæa*, had the ill Fortune to meet with a person who (as the Sequell will inform you) was a more dangerous Enemy than his Distemper: The Gentleman having made known his Disease, the undertaker soon agrees upon a Price for the Cure, in order to which he gives the Patient six Pills to take the next Morning, which Pills gave him near Thirty Stools, inflaming his Body very much; yet the next day the poor Gentleman was ordered to

take six Pills more, which gave him between Thirty and Forty Stools, causing much Blood to come from him by stool, with most violent tortions of the Guts: The third day he being very ill, was advised to send for me. I went to visit him, and found him very weak in a *Fever*, and often falling into Fainting-Fits, which was occasioned by the expence of Spirits; his Yard was much tumified, and violent pain in making water. I declared his Case to be very dangerous, and advised to call in some able Physician, for I was unwilling to take him in hand before I had consulted with some learned Artist, while I thus advised, in comes the person who had given him the Pills, who did not know me, whereupon I desired him to let me know his Opinion concerning his Patient. In order to which, down he sets, pulls his Hat over his Eyes, and gravely putting the Head of his Cane to his Lips,

Lips he begins in a formal way, these very Words. *Sir, my Patient has now had enough of the purgative part, therefore it will be convenient to proceed unto restringents, to Night he shall take half an Ounce of Cinna^mon in Powder in a Glass of Claret, to stay the Flux of his Belly, to morrow I will give him some restringent Pills to stay his running.*

You cannot but imagine this Fellows impudence might justly have raised a Passion in any Man, who knew any thing of Medicine, but to be short he was soon dismissed, and an able Physician (as I desired), was sent for, to whom I proposed what I thought fit to do to the Patient, all which he well approved of, and perswaded the Patient to rely upon the course I had proposed. I then began in manner following. First I gave him a Balsamick Glyster, that might heal his excoriated Bowels, and abate his Gripings. I then gave him a Cordial *Haustus* that

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might refrigerate, and comfort his weak Stomack, and moderately restore his too much diminished Spirits, each of these I repeated as often as I thought fit, and for his Dyer: I prescribed Chicken-Broath, in which was Boyled *Endive* and *French-Barley*, thus his strength was by Degrees increased: I all this while, not offering at any Antivenereal Medicines, but every Day bathed his Yard, which took down the Swelling. At last I began to use gentle Antivenereals, keeping him to Emulsions, and Diuretick Decoctions, never Purging him above once in 3 Days, and then but moderately, by which means I perfectly Cured him, and I believe for the future, he will be wary of venturing his Life in the Hands of such a Person as he had like to have been ruined by.

Not long since, I was called to visit a Person who was supposed to have taken Poison, coming into the Room,

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smelt a Cadaverous Scent ; such as usually attends those that are Fluxed. I observed the Patient, his Face much swollen, his Tongue hanging out of his Mouth, and much drivling from his Mouth, I declared he had taken some Mercurial Medicines that Fluxed him. The Patient could not utter one word, but made signs for Pen and Paper, which was brought him; he wrote that he had taken nothing but 4 Pills which a Person pretending to *Physick*, had given him, for to carry off an infection, which he supposed he had of a common Woman some time before, & that he feared his Blood was much infected, by reason such *strange Accidents* happened upon stirring the Humour.

I could not but smile, to observe the timidity of the Patient ; wherefore I made search for some Symptom of the Venereal Disease, which I was very Curious in doing, but through all his Body I could not find the least sign of any such Disease : I declared my opi-

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nion was, the Patient was abused. I inquired of the Nurse, whether there was any of the Pills left, she shewed me one which I broke, and could plainly see the small particles of the Crude, *Quick-silver* in it; I tasted it, and do really believe it was nothing but crude *Quick-silver*, mixed with *Turpentine*, &c. I cannot say mortified, the Preparation being so imperfect. And I do believe, that the Person who Administred the Pills, did design to have frightened the Patient into the believe of a real *Pox*, and by that means to have extorted a Sum of Money from him; the Patient by Writing, desired me to take care of him, whereupon I injected a Purging Glyster, which gave him Three or Four Stools, which I repeated once every Day, I washed his Mouth with a Restraining Lotion, and gave often fresh extracted *Cassia*, with Salt of *Tartar*, and caused him to swallow a Golden-Bullet very often, by these

These means I precipitated the *Mercury*,
and the Patient regained his former
Health.

Thus may you see how dangerous
it is, to meddle with such as are either
ignorant of the use of Medicine, or that
have neither Conscience or Honesty,
justly to consider each mans Case.

CHAP. VI.

Of several ways of Curing the Pox.

As there is great variety in the Na-
ture of this Disease, so is there
several ways used for the Curing of it,
among which, some are so dangerous,
that many persons have perished in
their supposed Cure, and others have
been attended by such fierce Accidents,
that neither time nor care could ever
Remedy ; as for Example, *Fumigation*
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by *Cinnaber*, that old and dangerous way, hath proved it self so pernicious that the Use of it is almost quite left.

2dly. Unction by the Common Mercurial Unguent, a way though commonly used, yet not commendable for by the Use of the Unguent, many times the Salivation rises so fiercely that the Patient is suffocated, moreover by this way, the Natural heat of the Joynts is oft-times so dissipated. that not only a debility of the parts, but Lameness hath ensued, more over the uncertainty of this way is great, for sometimes the *Mercury* precipitates it self so suddenly, that the Salivation proves ineffectual, by not continuing a sufficient time, nor can the undertaker judge exactly, what quantity of the Medicine hath penetrated; yet in those Diseases that are intercutaneous this way may be apt enough.

3dly. Salivation by Medicine given at the Mouth, which is much safer than

than the former, and I am certain much more sure; for first, this is, or ought to be done by some Mercurial Medicine, neatly prepared, which may be given according to the strength of the Patient, still observing to augment, or else to diminish the Dose as may be thought fit.

Those that Salivate any person, ought to be careful, to observe the variety there is in Bodys; for they may find that Sanguine and Flegmatick Bodys are not only more easie to Salivate, but will likewise spit much more, and indure it much longer than Cholerick, or Melancholy Bodies can. The preparation of the Body is no small matter in this sort of Cure; besides Care ought to be taken to carry off the Mercury well at last.

4thly. Sweating which, is divers ways to be caused, some use the Hot-House, *Stuva's*, *Bannio*, others the Tub or Box, and Cradle, &c. Some make a little Stove, wherein the Patient

ent sits with his Head out, and is Sweated by a Pan of *Charcoale*, but 'tis a most dangerous way, for the Fume which arises from the Coals, doth much hurt to the Nerves, and likewise to the Lungs, for although the head be out, and thereby the danger of suffocating be prevented, yet the ill Vapor doth, and will penetrate through the Pores of the Body, and hath an injurious quality.

The best way of Sweating is in the *Stuva*, where the Patient being well rubbed, Sweat is more easily procured, or else the Box or Tub with Spirit of Wine, and this way is very convenient for the *Pox*; for a Sweating-Box is easily conveyed to the Patients Chamber, where with little trouble the Party moves from the Bed into the Box, Sweats, and to Bed again; by which means taking Cold is avoided, which is really the greatest Enemy in the World to all Pocky Persons, both these

these last mentioned ways of Sweating I have often found instrumental in the Cure of the *Pox*, for it throws out much of the virulency by the Pores of the Skin, and procures the speedy scaling and falling away of the Scabs, and abateth Pains in the Shoulders, Shins, or any part of the Body; I have found great Nodes to be much helped by Sweating.

5thly. Diet, which is a safe way, working moderately, and yet surely. My meaning here is, by the use of a good convenient *Diet-Drink*, aptly fitted to the Constitution of the Patient. For although a late French Writer (as well as some of our own Country men) doth deny that either *Sarsa*, *China*, *Sarsafra*, or *Guacum*, have any Power in Curing the *Pox*. I know they are in the wrong, and I have by great Experience found the Efficacy of them, being justly prepared; yet I must allow that some men do much hurt

hurt by the unadvised Use of *Diet-Drinks*, partly by ignorance, and partly by avarice, making use of too much *Guacum*, both *Wood* and *Bark*, which not only too much exsiccates, but often inflames the Body by its excessive heat for 'tis most common among some men to rely too much upon the Fame of these or other Drugs; imagining that as long as that they have but great stores of Drugs in their *Diet-Drinks*, they cannot do amiss, when indeed the only matter is in dispensing proper quantities of this or that Drug, according to the Nature of the Disease, and the Constitution of the Patient: For some men are satisfied since they know an Antivenereal is used never considering that in weak Persons that are emaciated by the Distemper they must avoid the use of *Guacum*, or its *Bark*, and that in Cholerick Persons, the use of such hot Medicines are dangerous, and yet used with good success in Plethoric Bodies.

Diet Bodies ; more-over I have observed
 great mistakes in many (who under-
 take to Cure this Disease by *Diet*) in
 suffering their Patients to go abroad,
 constantly in the time of their Cure
 when as reason directs the contrary ;
 for those which undergo a course of
Diet-Drink , ought to keep in their
 Chambers, and to keep their Bodies
 very warm, to help perspiration with
 the Custome (although seldome observed
 here) is constantly used in *Spain, Italy,*
and other parts.

6thly. Purging which, is a safe way,
 and daily Experience, teacheth that
 many Venereal Cases are treated by
 no other means, and yet are very hand-
 somely Cured . And I can with mo-
 desty affirm that I have Cured many
 hundreds by this way alone, for what
 other way can or may be used to those
 poor unhappy Wretches, where *Pox*
 and *Poverty* are complicated, and 'tis
 to be observed, that although none of
 the

the fore-mentioned means are able to im-
 Cure this Disease without the help of mor-
 Purging, yet this way has Cured ma-
 ny without other helps ; but I do not
 here mean the common use of ordina-
 ry Catharticks, but Purging by some
 noble Preparation, which hath the
 powerful quality of of **Correcting** the
Venereal Venome, and restoring Vigor
 to the Body, whereby it may be able to
 throw off the Disease ; and indeed I
 have seen many strange Cases, wherein
 no other Medicine has been used but
 my Antivenereal Pill, which being
 took once in two days, for some time
 has worked of the Disease to a Mira-
 cle.

7thly. Issues upon which, the *Spainards*
 so doted formerly, that it was their com-
 mon Cure, and I have my self used this
 way with success in confirmed *Poxes*,
 for they cleanse the Body much, and
 accelerate the Cure several ways, by
 evacuating the Humor, and many
 time

toimes by revulsion in *Ozena's*, I commonly make a Fontinel in each Arm, and a Seton in the Neck, these adjuvate a cure, especially if the Patient have a *Catharr* or *Astma*. But *Ishues* are of themselves not able to overcome the malignity of this Disease, though however necessary for all persons who labour under the *Pox*, excepting those who are to undergo the Salivation, and those I always advise to dry up their *Ishues* upon the beginning of a Salivating Course, it being then no way proper to dry the Body least juices be wanting to maintain the spiriting its proper time.

CHAP. VII.

The true way of Curing the POX.


NOW since so many ways are, or may be used for to cure this Disease, tis the Duty of every honest Artist rightly to consider the Patients case

case, and justly to weigh, what sort of cure may be most fit for them, for as there is great variety in the Disease, so must there be in the cure ; some persons must of necessity keep up, others have not, nay cannot have the conveniency of retirement, some Bodies will admit of the most rough ways of cure, others must have more gentle means used.

First, Observe, there is degrees of the *Pox*, that no internal Medicine can reach, no Fume, no Salivation, no Diet, Purgation, Sweating, &c. can help, what's then to be done? where Medicine cannot reach, manual Operation must, for where ever the *Pox* fouls a Bone, nought but exfoliating can avail, therefore, if the *Cranium* or any other Bone be foul lay it bare, so far as is convenient, and with detergent and exsiccating Powders, keep the part as dry as possibly you can, that the Bone may scale ; in the
Arms


Arms and Shins lay open all foul
 Bones, nor ever attempt the cure any
 other way, for every mans reason will
 direct that, nought but laying open
 can be proper where a Bone is foul,
 and tis wonderful to observe, how
 Nature will help to discharge the ma-
 lignant matter, so that the Patient be-
 ing aptly dressed once or twice in 24
 hours, there will be little more to do,
 unless you will make use of a good
 Sarsa-Drink, which if the Patient
 can be at the charge of, will accelerate
 the cure, and restore the strength by
 amending the habit of body, and in-
 deed I never missed in this sort of cure,
 for I have made it my resolution,
 where ever I begin, to go through
 with my work, and therefore in this
 case especially, will take care that the
 Patients Poverty be not my Disgrace,
 for if good Nutriment and conveni-
 ency of place &c. be wanting, it will
 be hard for Nature to support it self
 in this sort of cure.

Chankers


 *Chankers* or *Ulcers* on the *Glans*, or *Prepuce* require a careful head and hand to manage rightly, and I am most certain, that the major part of mankind which have suffered by the *Pox*, may date the Original of their miseries from the neglect of these Sores, but let no man mistake me, nor yet his own case, for I do not mean Excoriations of either *Glans* or *Prepuce*, for these are cured in a few hours, but venemous *Chankers* require both time and care, such as carry a hardness all round the Sore, for though they appear never so small, yet must they be esteem'd as particular *Poxes*, from which confirmed *Poxes* too often proceed; the true cure consists in being well digested, all repelling Medicines being avoided, for tis an inhumane Cruelty to make slight of such Sores, as too many do, assuring the Patient they are but slight matters, a few dressings and as few Purges

ges will secure all as they pretend,
 thus lulling the party into a dange-
 rous *Pox*, as six Months or may be
 less will shew. I say therefore, that
 all *Chankers* must be strongly di-
 gested; the Patient ought to Purge
 and sweat often, and a good Diet-
 drink would confirm the Cure, but
 if upon healing the *Chankers*, the
 hardness remain, you must be forced
 to salivate before you can be safe; I
 have seen *Chankers* that nought but
 salivation could Conquer, whose cal-
 lous Lips no corrosive could consume;
 for, suppose a Patient who hath a
 sharpness of Blood from a venereal
 cause, you will find to your no small
 trouble, how difficultly such a mans
Chankers will admit of Cure. On
 the contrary, a Patient of a good ha-
 bit of Body, whose very Blood is
 a Balsom, from him you shall have
 more easie Digestion, and all your
 Medicines more success, but care
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
must be taken in all , that you repell not.

 *Caruncles* , commonly called *Carnosities* , these lie in the *Urethra* , which is the passage of the Yard, and some time at the very neck of the Bladder ; I have seen some persons so stopped up, they could not make one drop of Urine, but by the help of a *Catheter*. This sort of *Pox* requires great care, for you must by the use of *Corrosives* , consume , and eat away, all that you can come at , of the *Carnosity* at the same time, duly considering to avoid *Defluxion* of humors , therefore must the Patient use a convenient Diet-drink, relating to his Age and Constitution , for you must observe, that you may treat a man of Forty or Fifty in this case differently from one of half his Age, and you must not omit to observe, that all the Durity be Consumed ;
Sweating

Sweating and Bathing is of great use in this Cure, for it relaxes and softens the part, and prevents inflammation, which in men of years doth often happen. In cases of this nature, after I have done what is possible by my Candle, if I feel or suspect the least hardness to remain, I salivate my Patient, or if I omit that, I am sure to give a good Diet-drink, and to purge so often as need requires, and many times I order a *Milk-Diet* to finish the Work.

 *Bubo's* or *Poulaines*, (as the *French* call them,) in the Cure of these, all sorts of Evacuation is to be avoided; let the Patient *Eat*, *Drink*, and be *Merry*, let him *Eat* plentifully of the *hottest-Meats*, and *Drink* the *Strongest Liquors* to encourage the *Natural Heat*, to throw out the *Malignant Matter*; let the swelling be anointed with some *Supparative*

five, keep a strong *Suppurating Cataplasme* on it, it may not be amiss once in twenty four hours to apply a large *Cupping-Glass* to help forward the humour; great care must be taken that the Matter do not return, and caution used not to open the part, until it be suppurate, and then so opened, that it may not become *Fistulous*, for though no sort of *Pox*, is so easie to cure as this, yet many Patients miscarry, by wanting such Surgeons as rightly understand the method of curing *Buboes*, and I have met with several persons, who have had their *Buboes* so ill treated, that they have become *Cancerous*, and difficultly admitted of Cure, these Sores ought to be well digested, and kept running so long as possible, with convenient Purging and Sweating, towards the end of the Cure, and when all is healed a good Diet drink would make sure Work.

 *Ulcers*, in the Throat or Mouth, must be cleansed by strong detergent Medicines, nor must any Salivation be performed upon persons so affected, until the particular Cure be first performed, lest the parts already weak, should suffer damage by a too sudden flux of humours, but after the *Ulcers* are once Cured, the general Cure may more safely be performed, (the same observation ought to be made in *Ozena's*,) nor do the *Ulcers* of the Throat, threaten less than the fall of the Nose, where they are neglected, for the matter that flows from the *Ulcer*, doth often foul the *Os Spongiosum & Cribriforme*, where the matter once lodged, soon becomes an inveterate Enemy; I know some persons, who have often large *Ulcers* in the Throat, which soon disappear, but I never think any Patient Cured in such

a case, until they undergo the Salivation.

☞ The preparation of Bodies is very material in the cure of this Disease, for suppose a Patient in years, of a cholerick temperament emaciated by the Disease, having missed of his Cure, two or three, or more times, this Patient, any man must believe would be hard to cure, every man would say, nothing but a Salivation could help him, yet it would be dangerous to Salivate such a person, without the due preparation, *viz.* First, Let him be fed with *fresh-Meats*, that breed flegmatick Juices, such are *New laid Eggs*, *Cream*, *Almond-Milk*, *Veal*, *Pullet*, the whitest *Bread*, sweet and nourishing *Wines*, pleasant *Tisans*, *fresh-Fish*, and all sorts of *Pulse*, that may breed a quantity of humours, which may create matter for the Salivation,

nor

nor will it be amiss, to treat such a Patient in the beginning of the Salivation, with nourishing *Broaths*, adding now and then the yelk of a new laid *Egg*, *Endive*, or *Succory* are most properly put into *Broath*, for such a person, by reason they cool and abate the sharpness of the humours, and moderately loosen the Belly: Glisters of *Chicken-Broath* are proper in this case, one in four or five days, by reason they nourish the Bowels, which would be subject to *Tortions*, the *Acrimonious* humours some times slipping downwards.

Moreover, after the Salivation, a nourishing *Restorative Diet drink* is proper, wherein care be took to avoid all things that exsiccate, and great care ought to be in giving of Nutriment, that easily digests, for it must be took often, it being requisite to get such a Patient in

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strength, as fast as Nature can give leave.

☞ But on the contrary, if a Patient be Young and Robust, of a Sanguine or flegmatick Constitution, when must another course be taken, if Salivation be intended, and it may be convenient to purge this Patient, four or five times, to Bleed and Bathe, to abate and prepare the humours, least the Salivation should rise too fiercely. A moderate Diet is convenient, of such things as breed good, but little Juices, such are *Partridge, Larke, Rabbits, Mutton, &c.* Diet-drinks, or *Tisans* that gently exsiccate, are convenient in the preparation.

In the beginning of the Salivation, use no *Broath*, but *Posset-drink*, or thin *Water-Gruell*, and so continue; and it may be observed, that a Patient

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ent of this Constitution, may be expected to Spit, six or seven Pints in twenty four hours, (whereas in the case before mentioned, four Pints is as much as can be expected;) after the Salivation, a *Diet-drink* may be given, that exsiccat powerfully, and moves Sweat, observing to purge the Body well, by this you may observe, how much more bold you may be, with a person of a Plethorick Constitution, and consequently succulent, than with a Body *Emaciated*, where Juices are wanting, and let none omit to observe, that in Salivations, there will happen to some Fainting Fits, for which there is no better Cordial, than a small Glassof *Clarret*, which comforts sufficiently, and sensibly doth precipitate the Medicine. The manner of defending the Mouth, and curing the *Ulcers*, caused by the Saliva, is so common, I need not mention it.

☞ The *Venereal Astma*, which is but seldom Cured, for where the Lungs are affected, the Party is generally brought so low, before the Cure is attempted, that Nature can assist but little, and here no Salivation can be admitted, the Cure must be attempted by *Restoratives*, such as *Sarsa*, *China*, with *Pectoralls*, with moderate Sweats, and large *Fontanells* in the Shoulders, *Asses-Milk*, or *Cows Milk*, mixed with the *Diet-drink*, very moderate purgatives, and those mixed with *Pectoralls*, untill strength be attained, and then having a fit time of the Year, and all needfull supplies, a gentle Flux may be raised, but not continued too long, least while thou goest about to cure thy Patient of the *Pox*, you Bury him of a *Consumption*.

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Many other Accidents may happen, which having their Original from the *Pox*, will admit of no other Cure, for we many times find a Venereal *Opthalmia*, a Venereal *Fistula*, some time on the *Lacrymal Glandule*, that fouls the Bone, and makes Mad-work, and often the Pockey *Fistula* in *Ano*; in many the Venereal *Scorbute*, in others a Venereal *Itch*, to all which may be added, the foul Ulcerous Sores, which are taken for the *Kings-Evil*, but will with the fore-named, come within compals of the *Pox*, and therefore must be attacqued as it.

Tumors of the *Prepuce*, of which are several sorts, *viz.* *CrySTALLINES*, which are transparent swellings of the *Prepuce*, and are to be discussed by fomentations, or by Bathing the part. *Paraphymosis*, which
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is a swelling of the *Prepuce*, occasioned by some *Ulcer* on the *Glans*, or *Prepuce*, or perhaps by *Warts* on the *Glans*, which becoming Raw, do Ulcerate, Inflame, and swell the *Prepuce*, to that degree, that it will no way strip, by which means the *Ulcer* being hid, doth become more inveterate, and by the Venereal *Salts*, cause so great a humour, that many times Mortification happens, and from thence the Death of the Patient; in this case, the part must be Fomented, or Bathed, to draw out the *Salts* that have swelled the *Prepuce*, or if that will not do, Amputation must follow; I mean, to cut off so much of the *Prepuce*, that the *Glans* may be bare, and consequently, the better to come at the *Ulcer*, for it may be observed, that 'tis impossible to cure the *Ulcer*, unless you can come fairly at it, and therefore those persons that attempt by a Syringe,

ringe, to cleanse between the *Glands* and *Prepuce*, make their Patients too dearly to buy their Experience, nor is this all, for if the remaining part after Amputation be found hard, it will be convenient not only to digest it, but to salivate the Patient gently, to make Revulsion of humours, and timely to correct the Malignity of the *Ulcer*, which too often doth infect the whole Mass of Blood. He hath had but little experience of this Disease, who doth not know from how small a matter this Accident doth happen, particularly in those men who have naturally contracted *Prepuces*.

✎ *Warts* and *Excreffencies*, on the Privities happening to either Sex, must not be neglected, for they are as so many Land Marks to assure the *Pox* confirmed, and although many people take little notice of them,

them, where ever I see them, I know all is not well , and therefore take care, not only to remove them by **Causticks**, or else by Binding, but likewise to Eradicate the cause by such a course, as I judge most fitting for the Patients constitution.

CHAP. VIII.

*The true way of Curing a
Gonorrhæa.*

THis is the common name of that Disease we call a *Clap*, although the word *Gonorrhæa* signifies an involuntary flowing of the Seed, which a *Clap* is not, but since it will be hard to remove so common received a name, I will treat of it by either name of *Clap*, or if you will have it so *Gonorrhæa*.

A *Clap* is an *Ulcer* of the *Prostate Glandules*, which are seated at the root of the *Yard*, and from the *Ulceration* of these *Glandules*, the matter or *Pus* comes, that either runs,
or

or is squeezed out from the *Penis*, and it sometimes happens, that the *Urethra*, or passage of the Yard is Ulcerated all along, from whence is caused the Pain in Erection, commonly called *Cordee*, for the Acrimony of the humour that runs from the *Ulcer*, doth irritate the part, and cause the Erection of the Yard, and the Nerves being much distended thereby, causes the extraordinary Pain, they suffering no less than a Convulsion, by the pricking of the Acrimonious humour, during the time of Erection, besides, the *Glandules* at the root of the Yard, bear their share in the Pain, by the violent stretching of the Yard, although in some *Claps*, the Patient scarce feels the least of these Accidents, and some not so much as the Pain in Pissing, particularly Women, who are not so much afflicted in this case as Men, but then are not so certain in making

making Observations of it, the reason why, few Women seek for help, untill the Distemper be so long Lodg'd, that it becomes a confirmed Pox, nay, some men are so fool hardy, that they will little value the Disease, (saying, they have nothing but a Running,) untill the Ulcer has eaten away the *Prostate Glandules*, or perhaps the humour so far fermented by disorderly Living, that the whole Mass of Blood is infected; others, (foolishly cry out, 'tis but a Clap,) not considering the difference there is in this Disease, for some Claps are really so gentle, that I have known one Box of my *Antivenereal Pills* to carry off all, and on the contrary, some are so inveterate, that they will imploy, both Patient and Undertaker in the Cure, for men ought to consider, that there is degrees of Infection, and that the ill habit of the Body, doth very much contribute to the

the afflicting of the Patient, and this is one reason why some are cured in three weeks and less, and others perhaps not well in as many Months, but to hasten, (for I do not design a Volume,) to the true and safe way of curing this Disease, pray observe, that the first thing to be advised is Liquids, such are proper *Tisans*, *Emulsions*, or any other Liquors that breed no *Acids*, but that are slippery, that easily pass the Stomack, and create a soft *Serum*, which passing by Urine, washes the *Ulcer*, and dints the points of the *Venerereal Acids*, for 'tis a fault among many Patients, to fear to make Urine because of Pain, when they ought to do the contrary, by filling the Bladder continually, by pouring in of convenient Liquors, and often making water, by which means (the Urine being made balsamick, by the *Anodyne* Liquors frequently drank,) the

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his Ulcer so often washed, the *Acrimony*
 becomes less, nor has the Matter
 which Runs, the power of hurting
 the passage of the Yard, because, 'tis
 not suffered to lie in the part any
 considerable time. The Body must
 be continually kept soluble, there-
 fore 'tis convenient to Purge the Pa-
 tient once in two days, or oftner if
 need require, and in some Bodies,
 to Purge once in three days is often
 enough. *Anodine* Glisters, once in
 two days are convenient, but I do
 not approve of that common *French*
Fashion, of continually stuffing the
 Breech, with two or three Glisters a
 day. *Volatile* and other *Salts* I fre-
 quently give, once or twice in twen-
 ty four hours, which work by Urine,
 helping the Liquors off the Stomack,
 which otherwise, would be apt to
 grow Nauseate because of their Quantities,
 it will not be amiss, to allow the
 Patient half a pint of *Wine* a day, or
 more

more if he has accustomed his Body to it, for all sudden alterations are injurious to the Body, those that are by reason of their Circumstances obliged to keep Company, may Drink *White-Wine*, or *Rhenish*, with *Water* and *Lemon*, or as much *Tea* as they please; *Chicken-Broath*, with *Endive*, *Succory*, and *Lemon*, is proper to Drink great Quantities, especially when they Purge, always observing to keep the Body as still as possible, for exercise is very injurious, by reason it heats and inflames the parts, and therefore the less the Patient Walks, the better it is. Diet must be observed, and all salted Meats, and things hard of Digestion must be avoided; all *Fatty-Meats* are ill, so are windy things; be sure to avoid *Salted-Beef*, *Pork*, *Bacon*, *Salt-Fish*, *Cheese-Fruit*, &c. Let the Patient eat, *Chicken*, *Rabbit*, *Mutton*, *Partridge*, *Veal*, *Barly-Broath*, *Water-Gruel*,

Gruel, *Panadoes*, *Fresh Fish* Boiled,
 and all things of easie Digestion, a-
 voiding all *Hot-Sauces*, that provoke
 Lust, or breed *Acids*; great care
 must be taken, that the Purgations
 used, be not too strong, nor yet too
 often used, for violent Purging, of-
 times heats the parts, procures Infla-
 mation, and not seldom occasions
 swellings in the *Testicules*, extream
 painfull, from which, many times
 are occasioned violent *Fevers*, with
 extraordinary debility of the Body,
 but we must leave no Accident un-
 provided for, and therefore when
 even this happens, the Patient must
 forbear all Purgatives, except such
 as are very Coole and Gentle. An
Anodine, and *discussing Cataplasme*,
 with a convenient *Troiss* is here to be
 used, if the tumor be large, it will
 be the more Painfull, and may re-
 quire to take Bloud from the Arm,
 to make Revulsion; a slender Diet
 is

is likewise convenient, to abate the quantity of humours; a Decoction of *Emollient* and *Discutient* Herbs and *Seeds* applied by way of Fomentation, or as a *Semicupium*, for the Patient to sit in is not amiss, with *Emulsions* of the cold *Seeds*, to abate inflammation and cause sleep.

Another extraordinary Accident too often happens, either by the too violent Purging, or disorderly management of the Patient, in either slighting his Medicines, or many times repeating of the Distemper getting two or three *Claps* one upon the head of another, by which means the *Prostate Glandules*, so often (so long) Ulcerated, are much eaten away, and a *Gleet*, or as some call it, a *Weeping* is occasioned.

And this Disease is really most difficult to help, by reason the humours so long accustomed to flow to the part, will not easily be diverted, and loss of substance with great difficulty repaired.

But let me not accuse our Sparks, of too great intemperance, nor make them more Guilty than really they are, for many of them are put upon, especially by our beyond Sea-Surgeons, who pretend to do wonders with the Pot of *Turpentine*, Glisters and *Syringe*, which last they too soon use, and by some restraining injection stop the Running, which in a few days break out again, and then (*Be-Gar Sir*) you have got a fresh one, (which ten to one, but they manage as wisely as they did before,) but indeed is the first *Clap*, which for the time of it's continuance, may serve for two or three.

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Now the true way of curing a *Gleete*, or *Weeping*, is first to observe whether, it be really so or not, for I have had many persons that have come to me to be cured of a *Gleete*, which when I have viewed, I have found to be a virulent *Clap*, which I have both Treated and Cured, as such, it may therefore be convenient to mention what a *Gleete* or *Weeping* really is, and then to set down the means of curing the same.

The *Prostate Glandules* being either eaten away, or too much relaxed, and so weakned by the continual Ulceration, or otherwise heated, and distended by continual strong Purgatives, a thin Seminal Matter, continually flows from the Yard, and this is the true *Gleete*, for Nature hath placed these *Glandules* at the root of the Yard, to hinder the too soon ejecting of the Seed, in the Act of Generation

tion, and makes them serve as Strainers, through which the Seed pressing, is more violently emitted, and is most plainly proved, by those who labour under this Infirmary, they being too sensible of the loss of that Natural Force, even before the course of Nature can be said to have deprived them of it: And from hence it likewise happens, that such persons are troubled with the slipping away of a thin and seminal Matter, when they go to Stool, and that in great Quantities, by which the Patient is much weakned, and in some time rendred incapable of performing the conjugal Duty.

The Cure of this Disease doth require much care on both sides, for the Patient must be as regular, as the Surgeon must be carefull; first then let the Patient be Purged, gently with such Medicines as are

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cool,

cool, and leave a styptick quality behind them, purge but once in three or four days at most. Use cooling *Emulsions*, and *Balsamick Tifans*, Stiptick Drops in Water is proper, or *Water* and *Claret* for common Drink: Glisters of Decoctions of the cold Seeds are good, be sure to avoid all sorts of Exercise, and all manner of Diet that may inflame; be very moderate in the use of *Venerary*, but do not forbear altogether, use *Balsamick Injections*, but let not them be injected with too much force, least they hurt the parts already too tender: Avoid all sharp Injections, least they hurt the *Urethra*, and destroy the *Tone* of the Part; take Blood from the Arm to make *Revulsion*, Bathe the Patient once in two days, but let him not Sweat, and pray observe, that you use no Medicines of *Tereb*: For all such must be avoided, for they do more Dilate

Dilate than Contract, and therefore your *Balsamicks* must be framed after another manner; *Hypnoticks* may be used once in two Nights, for they allay sharp Humours, and destroy *Acids*, and prevent Inflammation; let the Patient be carefull to prevent taking Cold, which many times causes a Defluxion of Humours upon the *Glandules*, and Neck of the Bladder with retention of Urine, but if by accident such a case should happen, take heed of meddling with *Catheter* or *Candle*, the latter of which, had like to have destroyed a Friend of mine, a Noble *Spaniard*, who being afflicted with this Distemper, and his Urine somewhat suppressed, he made use of a *Candle*, which he put up to the Root of the Yard, and wounding the *Glandules* causes Inflammation, and from thence a Total suppression of Urine followed, which indangered his Life,

for, he made not one drop of Urine in ten days, notwithstanding I used all proper means, having likewise the Assistance of a Learned Physitian. At last, upon the taking a Dose of the *Calom*: in a proper *Vehicle*, his Urine came away with great quantities of *Sordes*, and was followed by a Sanious Matter flowing from the *Ulcer*, occasioned by wounding the Part; therefore I say, all care imaginable must be taken in the Treating of this Distemper, lest your Remedy prove worse than the Disease.

C H A P. IX.

The CONCLUSION.

I Am now arrived at Forty years of Age, and must therefore know 'tis impossible to please all Men, my little Book will be Read by people of all sorts, and I must indure the Snarling of Knaves and Fools, who neither will, nor can, do the like to advance the common Good, and Fops will find fault, with what they cannot mend. I have known far greater Authors than my self Censured, and that by such indiffering Wretches, who could not distinguish, between the Beauty or Deformity of a Work, some perhaps may blame me, for too much exposing

sing the Noble Art of Chyrurgery, others I am sure, will think me too
 Obstruce, but none I hope will blame
 my Integrity, in endeavouring to
 deliver Mankind, from so vast a
 Labyrinth of Misery, as is too often
 known, to proceed from the Sub-
 ject here treated of. Calumnious
 Tongues will censure the best Works,
 but ingenious persons will always
 applaude, what ever may be instru-
 mental for publick Good, and those
 that herein find something usefull,
 either to their Selves or their Friends
 will commend it.

*Scinditur incertum studia in contra-
 ria vulgus. Virg. Æneid. lib. 6.*

Some people perhaps may be dis-
 pleased, that I have not been more
 particular, in setting down the Re-
 ceipts of my Medicines, that they
 might know my Diet-Drinks, Ti-
 fants,

sans, Emulsions, &c. which indeed
 must be varied, according to the Case
 or Constitution of the Patient, for
 I do not use to let one Pot of my *Di-*
et-Drink serve all Patients. (as some
 I know do,) but I prepare such as
 reason directs. Indeed, for my *Ant-*
ivenereal-Pill, I must needs say, I
 order all Venereal Patients to be
 Purged, (where Purging is required)
 by that only, and that for many rea-
 sons; for First, there is no *Pill* yet
 known, that works so effectually,
 and that in so small a Dose, for fif-
 teen Grains which is three small
Pills, is a sufficient Purge for most
 Men, and above a Scruple I give not
 to any Man. Moreover 'tis obser-
 vable, that my *Antivenereal-Pill*;
 doth not debilitate as most other
 Purgatives do, nor doth it Nauseate
 the Stomack, (like most *Clap* Phy-
 sick,) but strengthens it, and pre-
 serves the Appetite, causing no un-
 savory

savory Belches, and if ever *Cito, tuto,*
& jucunde, were applicable to any Me-
 dicine, it must be to this, and now
 that *I* may not amuse my Reader,
 who cannot otherwise imagine, but
 that this *Pill* must be some *Panacea*,
 of three pounds and ten shillings a
 Dose, *I* will plainly tell him, that *I*
 now mean my common *Yellow-Pill*,
 that *I* have this twenty years Sold
 for four shillings a Box, which con-
 tains thirty *Pills*, and which many
 have admired, but none ever equal-
 led, and why *I* have so Sold it, *I*
 will freely declare, it has always
 been known that too many poor R—
 and W — will be getting of *Claps*,
 before they have Money to pay the
 Surgeon, (although *I* have often told
 them, that such Distempers are fit
 only for the better sort,) and many
 poor Wretches have been lost for
 want of Cure, for what can such
 Persons do, in such a Case? It's
 worth

worth no Man's time to pretend to any other Cure, than what may be managed by the poor Patients own Care : And if such a Medicine be not to be had, that the meaner sort may purchase, what miserable Objects should we every where meet. To tell a poor Labouring Man of Drinking *Tisans*, and *Emulsions*, or taking *Aperitive Salts*, *Balsamick Glisters*, &c. would be only to tantalize him, or what shall many a poor Patient do, (if the *Pill* were not effectual,) whose Circumstances are so confining, that he cannot have the conveniency of all things requisite, without rendering him liable to a discovery, which Accident may appear as terrible to him, as the *Pox* it self, and whose Reputation may be utterly destroyed by his unhappy, and perhaps never before perpetrated Crime, 'tis therefore absolutely necessary, that some extraordinary Medicine may be afforded at

a reasonable Rate, and that such a Medicine is not to be found among common Pretenders, is natural enough to believe ; but let no Man imagine that I pretend to Cure *Claps* for the price of any *Pills*, or yet think me so uncharitable as to deny my advice to the Poor.

Moreover, many poor Sinners that have lain under the Torment of Doubt, have received no small comfort from the assistance of this one particular Medicine, for many times excess in *Venery*, joyned with the Debauch of Wine, begets so great an Acrimony in the Urine, and the Guilt so far possessing the mind, the poor Devil looses it's little Senses, till by taking three or four Doses of the *Antivenereal-Pills*, and no *Clap* appearing, it becomes as joyfull as penitent. But now to return to the matter of my Book, they which
know

know me will wonder *I* have not commended that all this while.

('Tis a great fault *I* have, in being oftentimes too passionate, in commending my *Horse*, my *Dog*, my *Servant*, &c.) And indeed, 'tis hard for me to forbear it, for *I* am sure the substance of my Book is new, though the Disease be old, *I* have borrowed from no man, *I* have stoln from no Authour, *I* have Writ nothing but what *I* have seen, and often experimented, and that in this Town, there is not a word in it, but what those that know me, have at one time or other heard from me, upon occasion in Discourse, or in Consultations with Physicians, and *I* hope *I* may without Vanity say, that he which takes the pains to Read it, will find something in it, either like his own, or some Friends case, and that it will not be altogether his labour lost.

F I N I S.



